



VIRGINIA NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE, PETERSBURG, VA. FOUNDED 1882

Founded by act of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1882, for the higher education of the colored youth of the state, and with special reference to the training of teachers. The Act of Incorporation appropriated \$100,000 for the erection of suitable buildings, and \$20,000 annually for its support. Later the annuity was reduced to \$15,000. The legislature has since appropriated \$58,000 for the completion and equipment of buildings. In 1902 the college course was abolished, and manual training was made a prominent feature in the normal course of instruction. The approximate requirement for annual expenses is \$43,000.

associations, temperance meetings and weekly prayer services are attended. The largest latitude is given young men and women for the development of ability to lead in Christian and moral work.

This institution has sent out in the twenty-six years of its history 833 graduates who have been engaged as follows: Teaching, 438; teaching and preaching, 10; pharmacists and doctors, 28; teaching and farming, 60; lawyers, 12; following industrial pursuits, 88; taking higher courses, 35. Forty-seven of the graduates have died.

President Johnston writes: "We do not know that any of our graduates have become famous, but we know that most of them are living respectable Christian lives, and that many are eminently successful in the fields of labor which they have chosen. In many cases beautiful city or country homes have been acquired, and on every hand are evidences of taste and refinement, which comes as the result of right training and education. These are the ideals which we are daily trying to materialize, and regret that we succeed so poorly because of our limitations."

The need of a building for the model training department grows more pressing every year as the graduating classes increase in numbers and the model school becomes more popular. Boys and girls who are to be sent off by themselves to take charge of schools should all have not only the text-book instruction as to how to teach, but considerable drill in the class room with small children under the direction of expert teachers.

A board of visitors is appointed by the governor of the state.

The Commissioner of Education indicates how the Morrill Fund may be used: "Your attention is respectfully invited to the limitations placed by the Act upon money received, which is to be applied only to instruction in agriculture, the mechanic arts, the English language, and the various branches of mathematical, physical, natural, and economic sciences, with special reference to their application in the industries of life and the facilities for such instruction. It is held that this authorizes, besides the payment of salaries, the purchase from this money of apparatus, machinery, text-books, reference books, stock and material used in instructions or for purposes of illustration in connection with any of the branches enumerated."